

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of May 17, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the following Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specifically recite in the body of the claim, i.e., in the method steps, that the encryption or decryption function is stored in the first and second entities for use with the one or more pieces of secret information, i.e., the secret keys. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in the sections entitled "7 Key and key related data", "8 Operating and state data" and "9 Session data" of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-21 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendments to not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding Claim Objections

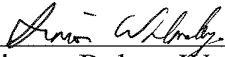
It is respectfully submitted that above-described amended independent claim 1 recites claim limitations within the preamble and body of the claim which produce a 'tangible result' of "the secret keys for use with a corresponding encryption or decryption function".

Regarding 35 USC 102(e) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-described amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-21 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by previously cited Meisel, for at least the reasons previously discussed by the Applicant.

Very respectfully,

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